Acts.

And be it further Enacted by the authority advice and Con-Lib. L. L. sent aforesaid that all poore Debtors that shall be discharged No. 64. by Virtue of this act shall also be discharged from all imprisonment ffees due to any Sherriffe or Goaler or any preceeding Sherriff or Goaler where they have been turned over from one to another and of and from all Bill Bonds or other Securitys given therefore.

And Whereas it may so happen that many Creditors of the aforesaid debtors who shall surrender up their Estate in Satisfaction of their Debts as aforesaid may Live out of this Province and Cannot in a short time have notice of such Debtors being discharged and Come and Claime or demand their Debts and to prevent such Creditors from looseing their Divident Be It Enacted by the authority advice and Consent aforesaid that where the Justices aforesaid find any such Creditors to live out of this Province they shall and are hereby required to give twelve months time for such Creditors to Come and Claime their debts and receive their proportionable Dividents out of the said Debtors Estate and shall not divide the same before the end of twelve months as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority advice and Consent aforesaid that if any person shall be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing done by Vertue of this Act or in obedience thereunto such person may and is hereby authorized and impowred to plead the Generall Issue and to give this Act and the Speciall matter in Evidence and if the plaintiff be p. 342 non suite discontinue his action or Verdict pass against him the defendant shall recover treble Costs of Suite.

And be it further Enacted by the authority advice and Consent aforesaid that if any person whatsoever who shall be discharged out of prison or receive any beniffitt by this Act shall wittingly and willingly Comitt any wilfull and Corrupt perjury or wittingly or willingly forswear themselves such person being Legally Convicted thereof by Confession or Verdict of twelve men shall be Guilty of ffelony and suffer death as a felon Provided alwais that nothing in this Act shall Extend or be Construed to Extend to discharge any person out of prison who is not actually a prisoner or in Custody for the Sume of five pounds sterling or one thousand pounds of Tobacco. And provided also and it is hereby declared that the said Justices or any three of them as aforesaid that shall sell and dispose of any debtors Estate shall have full power Liberty and authority to allow unto such Debtor out of his Estate as aforesaid before any division made, his bed and ffurniture a pott pann and other necessary working tooles and necessarys not Exceeding five pounds Sterling to any debtor.